

Language development:

phrases with up and down

1 Complete the gaps in the sentences with up or down.

- Mr Reynolds reminded us that our break was over and it was time we got _____ to some work.
- Michael asked me what was _____ because he said I was looking a bit gloomy.
- Lyra explained that she'd been feeling a bit _____ since she'd changed school.
- Maureen asked me what I was _____ to because I'd been in my bedroom for so long.
- Shaun didn't think the musical was _____ to much and suggested we went for a meal instead.
- I said it was _____ to Gill to decide what we had for dinner because I didn't really mind.
- I thought I had made a profit, but after calculating all the production costs I realised I was in fact _____ by €20.
- Gordon's happy – they finally announced he's _____ for promotion.

Phrasal verbs with take

2 Replace the underlined part of each sentence with a phrasal verb [verb + particle] formed with take.

- Unfortunately Brian resembles his father far more than me! _____
- Dad asked me if I would like to assume responsibility for the family business when he retired. _____
- Claudia felt awful about what she'd said and asked if she could retract her last comment. _____
- Pauline didn't hesitate and said she was happy to accept the burden of their invalid mother. _____
- 'It seems I was wrong about you, Lesley. I had assumed you were a person I could trust!' _____
- As a child he used to disassemble anything electronic. Trouble was he could never put it together again. _____
- Sally and Susie liked each other immediately and were firm friends thereafter. _____
- Luke has just started to play tennis. I doubt he'll keep it up for long though. _____

Phrases with take

3 Complete the following sentences using an expression formed with take from the box below.

take it from me
take it with a pinch of salt
take it or leave it
take the bull by the horns
take it out of you
take the wind out of somebody's sails
take it lying down
take your hat off to

- When the management announced that 300 workers would be out of a job, the Union immediately retorted that they were not going to **take** their threats _____.
- I tried to bargain for more pay, but my boss told me I could **take** _____.
- I had been timid most of my life, so when the chance to finally prove myself arose, I decided to **take** _____ and go for it!
- I don't know how Samantha managed to cope as a single parent of three kids under five and run a business. I really **take** my _____!
- After working for over a year on that script, the reviewers' feedback was so negative that it just **took** _____.
- Gloria regaled us with tales of her exploits in far off countries, but I told the kids to **take** everything she said _____.
- A long walk in that heat could really **take** _____.
- You can **take** _____ that you won't get anywhere in this world without hard work.

4 PAPER 3, PART 3 Complete the sentences below with one word.

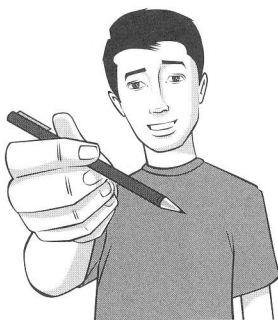
- 'Oi mate! What's your _____?' the policeman yelled at the shadowy figure across the street.
- Billy nearly gave the _____ away by saying he had to go somewhere tonight.
- 'Hey Millie, I'm going to enter into the national cycling competition. Are you _____?'

Grammar: modal auxiliaries (1)

1 Match the captions below to the cartoons on the right.

- 1 'That must be Jim.
He promised to call
around 7.'
- 2 'It can't be snowing – it's
the middle of April!'
- 3 'That might be for me. I
ordered some books.'
- 4 'That could be mine but
I'm not entirely sure.'

A



B



C



D



2 Match the modal auxiliary phrases in A with the most suitable sentence in B.

A

- 1 It might help if you put your glasses on.
- 2 It might be a blackbird on that roof.
- 3 It can't be lunchtime already.
- 4 It must be time for her nap.
- 5 It could be an 's' or a 'c'.
- 6 It might have been a dolphin you saw.
- 7 It could have been worse.
- 8 It must have been dreadful.
- 9 It can't have been John you saw in town.
- 10 It couldn't have been anything serious.

B

- a I've only just had breakfast.
- b That's why she's getting crotchety.
- c You feel better now don't you?
- d I'm glad I wasn't there when it happened.
- e You know you can't read in this light.
- f Pass the binoculars please!
- g He's gone to Portugal for the summer.
- h Hand me my reading glasses if you will.
- i Did it have a dorsal fin on its back?
- j You might have been out of a job altogether.

3 Which of the sentences in exercise 2A above ...

- a indicates a suggestion? ☐
- b shows speculation about the present? ☐
- c refers to a present or future certainty? ☐
- d refers to a past possibility? ☐
- e refers to a past certainty? ☐

4 Which of the sentences in each pair below is correct?

- 1a I might be exhausted, but I can still finish the project.
- b I might have been exhausted, but I can still finish the project.
- 2a I must have been mad, but I'm still going to invite my in-laws for Christmas.
- b I must be mad, but I'm still going to invite my in-laws for Christmas.

